

CLAIMS: The following is a listing of all claims in the application with their status and the text of all active claims.

1. - 20. (CANCELED)

21. (NEW) A method for delivering authentication authority Web services for user to use a single authentication device to generate non-reusable and non-reversible one-time identity codes, and subsequently use these codes to logon any computer on the Internet that he/she is authorized to access, the method comprising:

- (a) registering user's public, private, and the authentication client device identities with the authentication authority;
- (b) conducting synchronization between the authentication authority and user's authentication client device;
- (c) generating an one-time identity code from the authentication client device before each logon event for authentication;
- (d) submitting the one-time identity code to the business application server;
- (e) composing user identity verification request message by the authentication handler which is a plug-in software installed on the business application server;
- (f) submitting the identity verification request message by the authentication handler to the authentication gateway authority using the Web services method;
- (g) forwarding the identity verification request message from the gateway authority to the authentication authority;
- (h) verifying the user's identity by the authentication authority by checking the one-time identity code included as a part of the identity verification request message;
- (i) composing identity verification response message and sending the authentication handler the response message by the authentication authority;

- (j) receiving the identity verification response message by the authentication handler;
 - (k) informing the business application server about the verification status by the authentication handler;
 - (l) granting permission for the user to access protected resources by the business application server upon a positive user identity verification.
22. (NEW) The method of claim 21, further comprising: establishing and publishing the authentication authority Web services to Web service industry's registries by the authentication authority.
23. (NEW) The method claim 22 wherein establishing and publishing the authentication authority Web services by the authentication authority, comprises: using Web Services Description Language (WSDL) to publish the authentication authority Web services, and using Universal Description, Discovery and Integration (UDDI) standard to discover the authentication authority Web services published by other authorities.
24. (NEW) The method of claim 21, wherein the gateway authority and the authentication authority to be separated and placed in the Internet accessible environment to achieve a scalable and distributable solution.
25. (NEW) The method of claim 21, wherein the authentication authority and the authentication client device contain means to generate one-time and non-predictable identity codes independently for user identity authentication or verification.
26. (NEW) The method of claim 21, wherein the synchronization is conducted by executing a set of math function comprising hash, power and modular math operators with the input of information comprising user public identity, authentication client device identity, and user private identity.

27. (NEW) The method of claim 21, wherein the authentication authority and the authentication client device contain means to generate confirmation codes to verify the success of the synchronization.
28. (NEW) The method of 26, wherein the user private identity comprises the user's biometric identity and other shared secret information.
29. (NEW) The method of claim 21, wherein the authentication client device comprising the use of portable, hand-held devices.
30. (NEW) The method of claim 21, wherein the method can be used as an ID verification method for any business entity to verify the user identity over a channel selected from the group consisting of the Internet, phone and other communication means.
31. (NEW) A system for delivering authentication authority Web services for user to use a single authentication device to generate non-reusable and non-reversible one-time identity codes, and subsequently use these codes to logon any computer on the Internet that he/she is authorized to access, the system comprising:
 - a. means for registering user's public and private identities with the authentication authority;
 - b. means for conducting synchronization between the authentication authority and user's authentication client device;
 - c. means for generating an one-time identity code from the authentication client device before each logon event for authentication;
 - d. means for submitting the one-time identity code to the business application server;
 - e. means for composing user identity verification request message by the authentication handler which is a plug-in software installed on the business application server;

- f. means for submitting the identity verification request message by the authentication handler to the authentication gateway authority using the Web services method;
 - g. means for forwarding the identity verification request message from the gateway authority to the authentication authority;
 - h. means for verifying the user's identity by the authentication authority by checking the one-time identity code included as a part of the identity verification request message;
 - i. means for composing identity verification response message and sending the authentication handler the response message by the authentication authority;
 - j. means for receiving the identity verification response message by the authentication handler;
 - k. means for informing the business application server about the verification status by the authentication handler;
 - l. means for granting permission for the user to access protected resources by the business application server upon a positive user identity verification.
32. (NEW) The system of claim 31, further comprising: means of establishing and publishing, by the authentication authority, the authentication authority Web services to Web service industry's registries.
33. (NEW) The system of claim 31, wherein the gateway authority and the authentication authority contain means to be separated and placed in the Internet accessible environment to achieve a scalable and distributable solution.
34. (NEW) The system of claim 31, wherein the authentication authority and the authentication client device contain means to generate one-time and non-

predictable identity codes independently for user identity authentication or verification.

35. (NEW) The system of claim 31, wherein the synchronization is conducted by executing a set of math function comprising hash, power and modular math operators with the input of information comprising user public identity, authentication client device identity, and user private identity.
36. (NEW) The system of claim 31, wherein the authentication authority and the authentication client device contain means to generate confirmation codes to verify the success of the synchronization.
37. (NEW) The system of claim 31, wherein the authentication client device comprising the use of portable, hand-held devices.
38. (NEW) The system of claim 31, wherein the gateway authority, the authentication authority, the authentication handler, and the authentication client device are arranged to use Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) to communicate, and use Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP) packets to transmit data over Secure Socket Layer (SSL).
39. (NEW) The system of claim 31, wherein the system can be used as an ID verification system for any business entity to verify the user identity over a channel selected from the group consisting of the Internet, phone and other communication means.